

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5 and 7-20 now stand in the application.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 6, 8, 9 and 10. By the above amendments, claim 1 now corresponds to claim 6 rewritten in independent form, with claims 9-15 dependent directly or indirectly on claim 1, and claim 3 has also been amended to be in independent form and to address the Section 112 issues raised by the examiner in paragraph 2 of the Office action. Accordingly, all of claims 1 and 8-15 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 4 has now been amended to independent form, with claims 5 and 7 dependent thereon and new claims 16-20 added to replicate claims 11-15 but dependent on claim 4.

Claims 4, 7, 8, 12 and 13 stand rejected under the second paragraph of 35 USC 112. This rejection is respectfully traversed, and is in any event believed overcome by the amendments made to those claims. The amendments are believed self-explanatory.

With the above amendments, the independent claims in the application are claim 1 (corresponding to claim 6 rewritten in independent form), claim 4 and claim 8. Since claims 6 and 8 were not rejected over prior art, only the patentability of claim 4 will be discussed further herein. That claim was rejected in paragraph 5 of the Office action as being unpatentable over Lawrenson in view of Sackett and in further view of Clouet et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Clouet et al discloses the use of metal tape 4 provided with a metallic coating 5 (see, for example, lines 14-15 of column 3). Clouet et al does not teach or suggest the use of metal strips

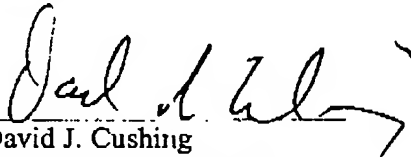
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which are made from hollow strands braided from wires and subsequently pressed into strips as recited in claim 4. Thus, even if the teachings of Clouet et al were followed, the invention defined in claim 4 could not have resulted. The other references do not teach what is lacking in Clouet et al relative to the shield being made up of metal strips made by pressing tubular hollow strands braided from wires. Accordingly, claim 4 as well as its dependent claims 5, 7 and 6-20 are believed in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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